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From San Francisco:  
Shinyo Maru, Nov. 26.  
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Chiyo Maru, Nov. 30.  
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Niagara, Dec. 1.  
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## HENRY FORD LAYS NEW PEACE PLAN BEFORE PRESIDENT

### Federal Building May Go On Mahuka Site

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT FINDS PRICE FOR IRWIN SITE IS SET TOO HIGH

Unless Lower Figure Can Be Secured From Owners, Uncle Sam May Revert to Original Ground Desired, Still Owned By Government

Certainty of further delay in the selection of a site for Honolulu's million-dollar federal building, and possibility that the Mahuka site, already owned by Uncle Sam, may finally be chosen, are the latest developments in the problem that has been before the city for more than seven years.

The Washington correspondent of the Star-Bulletin cabled to this paper today the following message:

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton has received a counter-proposition from the Irwin site people. The price named in this is unsatisfactory, as it is considered too high. Unless a lower figure is named, the department may select the Mahuka site among businessmen over the possibility of the Mahuka site being finally chosen, it is believed the long-delayed decision will be still further delayed for a month or six weeks.

None of the interested parties to the various site negotiations have been willing to give for publication the figures they set on their properties when offered to the U. S. government as federal building sites, but it has been known by businessmen with a fair degree of accuracy what the sites were held at. Thus rumor has had it that when Assistant Secretary Byron R. Newton was here in September the Irwin site was available at \$225,000. Reports also say that the Spreckels site, regarded as the only alternate site the government was seriously considering, was first placed at \$275,000 and later lowered to \$265,000.

On September 30 it was announced in Washington that Mr. Newton would submit a counter-proposition to the Irwin site representatives. Locally it is understood that about two weeks ago the Irwin site representatives sent to Washington their counter-proposition. This, it appears, from the cablegram above, still holds the price where Mr. Newton considers it too high, though it would appear that the counter-proposition has brought the present figure down below \$225,000.

One of the men who has been following the site negotiations closely said, when informed this morning of the Star-Bulletin's cablegram, that he believes the treasury department is putting up a bluff to secure the best bargain possible. Another said he would not be surprised if Uncle Sam should refuse to bargain much longer and would decide on the Mahuka site even if that is not the most satisfactory.

The Star-Bulletin conveyed the news in the cablegram to Ex-Governor Frear, now a legal representative for the Irwin site people, and to E. I. Spalding, a representative of the Irwin estate interests here. Neither would comment on the matter.

### HALTON CHOSEN AS MAN TO TAKE UP WOOD'S WORK

Will Act as San Francisco Representative of Hawaii Promotion Committee

Appointment of F. J. Halton, former passenger agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to succeed H. P. Wood as representative of the Hawaii Promotion Committee at San Francisco, was made this afternoon at the meeting of the committee by Chairman E. A. Berndt. Mr. Halton and Mr. Berndt both arrived this morning on the Wilhelmina.

Mr. Halton will spend about three weeks in a study of the islands, seeing for himself conditions as they are. He will return to the coast in time to take over the properties of the fair commission and establish an office on Market street by the first of the year. Starting from San Francisco on January 7, Mr. and Mrs. Wood begin a three-year tour of the world. They will stop off in Honolulu about the middle of January, spending two months here before going on to the Orient.

Following a tour of China and Japan Mr. and Mrs. Wood will go to Australia and New Zealand, returning here in about 15 months from that time. From here they will go back to San Francisco, and on for an eight-months' visit to South America, and from South America, if the war is over, they plan to go to Europe. At the conclusion of the trip they will settle down in Honolulu, and if conditions warrant it Mr. Wood plans to establish a private tourist bureau here.

At the meeting today Mr. Berndt gave high praise to the work of Mr. Wood in helping to bring the Great Northern to Honolulu.

#### MEMORIALS

Bronze, Granite and Marble.  
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Merchant and Alakea

### SWISS MILITARY TRAINING PLAN WILL BE URGED

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—In his forthcoming message to Congress President Wilson will deal broadly with plans for financing the defense program. He will favor cutting down the appropriations for buildings and for rivers and harbors.

Senator Chamberlain of the senate committee on military affairs announced today that he will introduce a bill providing for military service similar to the Swiss system. He does not expect the bill to be passed at this session of Congress, but wants the subject discussed with the idea of assisting in the inauguration of a campaign for military education.

### MANY SERBIANS TAKEN PRISONER

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Headquarters Report, November 23.—North of Mitrovica and northeast of Pristina the Serbians in rear guard combats were defeated, 1500 Serbians prisoners and six cannons taken.

"Bulgarians victoriously advance southeast of Pristina, 800 Serbians prisoners, 22 machine guns and 44 cannons taken.

"On the front artillery duels in several parts are reported. A French biplane near Aure was dashed to earth during an air-combat."

### HUNDRED DIE IN ITALIAN FLOOD

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
ROME, Italy, Nov. 23.—One of the worst accidents of its kind in Italy for many years occurred today when floods washed away a bridge over the Salso river, Licata, and a hundred people were drowned.

### DYNAMITE PLOT AT WASHINGTON?

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Because of rumors that a plot is on foot to dynamite the big Union Station tunnel, viaduct and the approaches leading to it, all of the station and converging lines are heavily guarded.

CARNEGIE CELEBRATING TWO ANNIVERSARIES  
PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 23.—Andrew Carnegie is today celebrating his 80th birthday and the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Technology. Each guest today was given a commemorative medal.

STEAMER IN SPANISH PORT IS DESTROYED  
[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
CADIZ, Spain, Nov. 23.—The steamship Libia and the bulk of its cargo was destroyed by fire following an explosion today. The steamer was from New York. There were no deaths.

### WANT GUARD AS FIRST LINE OF CITIZEN ARMY

Capt. G. E. Schaefer, 1st Inf., N. G. H., Brings Word of National Convention Stand

FEDERAL PAY BILL IS GIVEN HEARTY APPROVAL

Legislative Committee Urges That Militia Be Made Federal Force In Time of War

Capt. Gustave E. Schaefer, 1st Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, who represented the militia of the islands at the convention of the National Guard Association of the United States in San Francisco, returned on the Wilhelmina today, bringing the report of the legislative committee.

The report is strongly in favor of the use of the National Guard not only in the United States but in any other places, just as the regular army is used. It indorses the increase in the regular army and urges that the National Guard be made the first line of the proposed citizen army.

The committee had before it the report of the executive committee, the address of the assistant secretary of war and the other matter and resolutions referred to it. Every member of the committee was given an opportunity to freely express his opinions and views upon all matters. As the result of its deliberations the committee submitted the following report:

Definite Policy Necessary.

"There is necessity for the formulation and acceptance of a definite military policy for the United States. Such military policy must have as its foundation not only the opinions of the military experts of the nation as to the forces which should be organized and maintained, but should be formulated with due consideration of those ideals and traditions which have a place in the minds and hearts of our people. An essential consideration will be that such forces as may be planned for, must be taken from the citizenry of the country, and in the formulation of plans for the development of any body of citizen soldiery full consideration should be given to

### PACIFIC COAST IS GETTING WAVE OF PROSPERITY

H. Fleishhacker, Banker and Exposition Director, Tells How War Orders Help

War orders are indirectly benefiting the Pacific coast states, in that contracts for merchandise, groceries, paper, and other things usually bought in Germany or Great Britain are now being placed by Australia and New Zealand firms with San Francisco, Seattle and Portland wholesalers, according to Herbert Fleishhacker, one of San Francisco's leading bankers, and a student of world economics.

Mr. Fleishhacker, who is president of the Anglo and London and Paris National Bank of San Francisco, arrived this morning on the Wilhelmina, on his first visit to Hawaii, accompanied by Mrs. Fleishhacker, former Lieut.-Gov. Alden Anderson of California.

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"MAKIKI" CHOSEN AS NAME OF NEW VESSEL FOR MATSON COMPANY

"Makiki" will be the name of the new Matson steamer to duplicate the Matsonia, and to be ready for service in January, 1917. This news reached here today, and was made public by Purser R. V. Menary of the Wilhelmina.

This news confirms the story recently printed by the Star-Bulletin, containing the statement by T. H. Petrie, secretary of Castle & Cooke, local Matson agents, that the new steamer, to cost nearly one and three-quarters million dollars, would probably be named Makiki, as the company has decided to name all steamers built in the future after Honolulu and Oahu valleys whose names begin with the letter M. The Matson was the first steamer named under this policy.

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### NAB STEVENSON FOR EMBEZZLING FROM EMPLOYER

Foreman of Schuman Carriage Company Arrested After Return From Coast

RESIGNS FROM GUARD; WAS RIFLE TEAM MEMBER

Complaint is Made By Employer; Amount of Shortage About \$600

Following his return from the mainland in the steamer Wilhelmina, Frank L. Stevenson, foreman at the Schuman Carriage Company and a lieutenant in the National Guard, was taken into custody by the police at 12:35 o'clock today and is being held for investigation, it being reported that a charge of embezzlement shortly will be placed against him.

According to the police, complaint was made against Stevenson by Gustav Schuman, proprietor of the carriage company. They said the complaint was one of embezzlement, but were unable to give the amount of the alleged defalcations.

City Attorney A. M. Brown said this afternoon that he has had the matter under investigation during the last month; practically ever since Stevenson left Honolulu for Florida with the National Guard rifle team.

"The question was whether to have Stevenson indicted and brought back, or to quietly await his return to Honolulu," said the city prosecutor. "We decided on the latter move."

The city attorney added that the case undoubtedly will be presented to the grand jury at a meeting of that tribunal to be held one week from next Thursday.

Mr. Brown said that he could not give the exact amount of the alleged embezzlement, but that it is about \$600. Reports on the street shortly after Stevenson's apprehension fixed the amount all the way from \$100 to \$1000.

Up to press time, Stevenson was still in custody, having been unable to secure bond.

Stevenson is well known in Honolulu and has a large number of friends, especially in National Guard circles. He is married and has one child.

This afternoon it was stated at National Guard headquarters that Stevenson had resigned from the guard and his resignation had been immediately accepted.

### STARS OF TENNIS IN AMERICA ARE TO APPEAR HERE

National Champion Johnston, Clarence Griffin, Ward Dawson, Beals Wright, Expected

Tennis will be a big feature of the Mid-Winter Carnival. This was assured today when Chairman A. L. Castle of the tennis committee received word that Clarence Griffin and Ward Dawson would compete in the tournaments here during February. With the addition of these two racket stars the list of expected visitors now reads: William Johnston, national champion; Clarence Griffin, doubles champion; Ward Dawson, southern California champion, and Beals Wright, former national champion.

Clarence Griffin and Ward Dawson will arrive in Honolulu on Friday on their way to Manila, where they will play in the Philippine tournament which begins January 1. While there the tennis stars will meet a number of the champions of the Oriental countries, among them being Kumagae, the great Japanese net star. The two tennis players will return here in time for the tournament which begins on February 17.

Clarence Griffin is a California youngster and one of the leading players of the country. His game was much improved this year, and his decisive defeats of many of the first ranking players entitle him to a place on the first ten this year. Griffin, with William Johnston, won the national doubles championship this year. His playing has been a noticeable feature on the eastern courts, and he is expected to rank next to Johnston, William and McLoughlin this year.

Ward Dawson is a very much improved player, according to reports received from the East this year. He is a Stanford man, and was a classmate of Stanley Kennedy of this city. He has been playing in the East most

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### PROMOTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOME WITH OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK



E. A. Berndt, chairman of the Hawaii Promotion Committee.

### BERNDT EXPECTS TOURIST TOTAL TO BE 15,000

Thinks 1916 Travel to Hawaii Will Exceed All Former Records By 5000 At Least

Hawaii's 1916 crowd of tourists will exceed by at least 5000 persons that of any year previous. Honolulu must take immediate steps to boost greater hotel accommodations for these visitors. The Great Northern, which arrives here on December 1, will lay a new field for Honolulu which has heretofore remained practically untouched.

These are the views of E. A. Berndt, chairman of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, who arrived in the city this morning after several weeks spent on the mainland, much of which time he spent in a study of tourist possibilities largely through conversations with railroad and steamship officials.

"Los Angeles is doing more for Hawaii to boost the Great Northern than any of us here realize," says Mr. Berndt. "Her commercial organizations are all back of the proposition, heart and soul, and the Los Angeles Examiner is exerting every effort to advertise the initial trip of the big liner on this preliminary six-months' run."

Berndt's investigations have led him to the conclusion that the Great Northern will remain permanently on the run, and will not be withdrawn at the end of the proposed six-month period. He says that the big boat will fill any hole that has been made by the withdrawal of Pacific Mail liners.

"Actual reservations made well into the coming year surpass substantially anything that 1915 has done or will do, regardless of the fact that the exposition has been a big boost for

### DEPRECIATION OF STREET RAILWAY IS TOPIC OF MORNING

Questions regarding depreciation and other matters pertaining to the several units of the operating system of Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company, formed the testimony on cross-examination given by Prof. J. M. Young, dean of the school of engineering of the College of Hawaii, during today's session of the trial of the territory's injunction suit against the company.

Many authorities were quoted to sustain the testimony of Prof. Young regarding the amount of depreciation which he alleges should be written off the book values of the company's plant. Further cross-examination of Prof. Young was to be had this afternoon.

### Piece of F-4's Flag In Office Of Secy. Daniels

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—A tattered fragment of flag from the submarine F-4, which was lost off Honolulu harbor last March, was placed in a glass case today in the office of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, a memento of the sea-tragedy. The flag is colorless from the action of seawater and battery acids.

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### DENIAL MADE IN LONDON OF PLAN TO FORCE AID; SERBIA IS NOW ONLY FORLORN HOPE

TEUTON AND BULGARIAN FORCES TAKE TOWN AFTER TOWN—MONASTIR ABOUT TO FALL—U. S. OPENS CASE AGAINST OFFICIALS OF HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY—GERMANS PREPARE RETREAT FROM RUSSIAN TERRITORY

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Henry Ford, the noted auto manufacturer, today conferred with President Wilson regarding a conference of neutrals to be called with a view to bringing the war to an end if possible. He said he considers that Christmas is the best time for a conference.

"I am willing to give all my money and to go anywhere to aid the movement," he declares. "President Wilson has kept this country out of the war and the people have approved his course."

LONDON, England, Nov. 23.—A despatch from Berne, Switzerland, to the Pall Mall declares that there is undoubted foundation for the report that the Kaiser will make an open offer of peace through President Wilson after Wilhelm has made a state entry into Constantinople.

LONDON, England, Nov. 23.—Great Britain's attempts to force Greece into an assisting neutrality or aggressive alliance with the Entente Powers is bringing about the downfall of the present cabinet head, Prime Minister Skouloudis.

His resignation is expected momentarily as a result of the position he has taken with reference to the English and Greek difficulties.

LONDON, England, Nov. 23.—Italian troops have begun landing in Albanian territory.

### British Declare no Blockade of Greek Ports Has Been Instituted

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles]  
LONDON, England, Nov. 23.—Though Great Britain is known to be exerting pressure on Greece to secure her assistance, the foreign office today issued a statement declaring that no Greek ships are being seized or held in British ports and that no blockade of Greek ports by the British navy has been instituted.

It is believed that Greece has satisfied the British demands which were submitted in person by Lord Kitchener, war minister, and that from now on Greece will guarantee the safety of Allied expeditionary forces which are passing through Greek territory.

### U. S. Begins Trial of Germans Charged With Plots to Provision Warships

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles]  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The case of the United States government against Karl Buenz, managing director of the Hamburg-American steamship line, and against several employees of the company, opened today in the federal court. The defendants are charged with a conspiracy in that they violated the neutrality laws by making plans to provision German warships with vessels sent from American ports.

It has taken the lawyers considerable time to get a jury because of the difficulty of finding talesmen who are not in express sympathy with one or the other of the belligerents in the war.

The defense admitted, early in the trial today, that Buenz had outfitted ships to provision the German vessels, but denied that in so doing the Hamburg-American officials had done anything constituting conspiracy. The defense stated that the German officials had acted on the orders of the home office.

The prosecution alleges that Capt. K. Boyed, naval attache of the German embassy, directed the spending of \$750,000 for the work, mostly at San Francisco.

### Bulgarians, Delayed, Press Forward

PARIS, France, Nov. 23.—A telegram received from Saloniki today says that a despatch has just reached that city stating that the Bulgarians had occupied Pripil and were marching upon Monastir. The despatch was filed last Thursday and more progress may have been made since then.

The Serbians have been placed in a position where they must retreat into Albania. However, it is evident that the Bulgarians have been somewhat delayed in their forward movement.

### Germans on East May Fall Back

PETROGRAD, Germany, Nov. 23.—News has been received here that the Germans are preparing the Kovel district to fall back upon in case of a possible advance of the lines westward. This district is west of the Sty river and the Germans are busy constructing fortifications. They have promulgated labor laws to enforce the construction of the fortifications by inhabitants of the country. Their stores have been removed from the threatened district.

### Germans In Serbia March Steadily

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 23.—The German forces invading Serbia continue to make steady progress. They have advanced southeast of Pristina and captured 8000 men, 44 cannon and 22 machine guns.

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